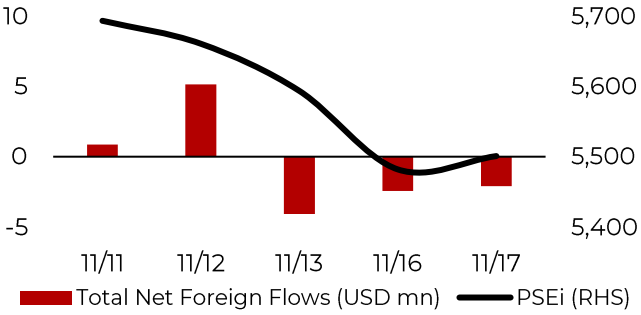
The Morning View

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Philippine Stock Exchange Index

+0.35% DoD; Net foreign selling: $2.11mn



	Level	DoD
PSEi	5,500.88	+0.35%
3-mo bond yield	6.34%	+14.19 bps
2-yr bond yield	7.27%	-1.71 bps
5-yr bond yield	7.71%	+1.02 bps
10-yr bond yield	7.76%	-1.54 bps
USDPHP	63.67	-0.42%
Oil (Brent, $ / barrel)	93.14	+0.76%

The Philippines and Japan signed a three-year cooperation pact to develop the country's strategic petroleum reserve. The Department of Energy said Japanese government and private firms could help build storage facilities under a framework for establishing, managing, and releasing reserves.

Manila Electric Co. (PSE Ticker: MER) completed upgrades to its Commonwealth substation in Quezon City, adding an 83-megavolt-ampere (MVA) transformer to increase capacity and improve power reliability. The expansion will support growing residential, commercial, and institutional demand, including the electricity requirements of Maynilad Water Services and San Miguel Corporation's MRT-7 project.

Local equities slightly rose as bargain hunting following the previous session's selloff ended a four-day decline. The PSEi closed at 5,500.88 (+0.35% DoD).

Local fixed income yields ended mixed ahead of the Bureau of the Treasury's 3-year retail dollar bond offering later this week. On average, yields rose by 2.97 bps, with the 2Y closing at 7.27% (-1.71 bps) and the 10Y closing at 7.76% (-1.54 bps).

The **Philippine peso** strengthened after Overseas Filipino Workers' cash remittances rose 2.6% YoY to $3.20 billion in September, its fastest pace in eight months. The USD/PHP pair closed at 63.67 (-0.42% DoD).

New York Fed President John Williams, a permanent voter, said further rate hikes would likely be needed to address persistent inflation but saw no need for "dramatic action," favoring a gradual approach. Meanwhile, St. Louis Fed President Alberto Musalem, a 2028 voter, called for several hikes before spring 2027, warning that current policy remains insufficiently restrictive to bring inflation sustainably back to the Fed's 2% target.

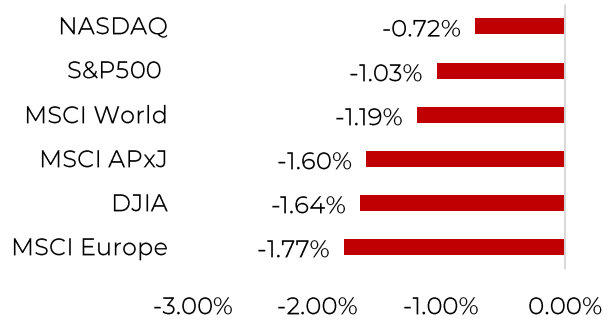
US retail sales rose 0.2% MoM in October (September: 0.8%; Consensus: 0.1%) amid weaker motor vehicle and furniture sales. Meanwhile, core sales rose 0.5% MoM (September: 1.1%; Consensus: 0.4%), signaling that underlying consumer demand stayed resilient.

US equities declined as technology stocks continued to weigh the market ahead of Nvidia's highly anticipated 3Q earnings report. The S&P 500 closed at 7,340.53 (-1.03% DoD), while the DJIA ended at 50,759.42 (-1.64% DoD).

US Treasury yields fell as risk-off sentiment prevailed amid lingering concerns over AI spending. On average, yields declined by 1.60 bps, with the 2Y closing at 4.81% (-2.80 bps) and the 10Y at 5.11% (-2.40 bps).

The **US dollar** slightly strengthened after the stronger-than-expected US retail sales in October, and hawkish Fed remarks reinforced bets of further tightening from the Fed. The DXY closed at 103.60 (+0.05% DoD).

Global Stock Indices



	Level	DoD
S&P 500	7,340.53	-1.03%
DJIA	50,759.42	-1.64%
NASDAQ	27,001.79	-0.72%
3-mo US Treasury yield	4.25%	+1.30 bps
2-yr US Treasury yield	4.81%	-2.80 bps
5-yr US Treasury yield	4.92%	-2.50 bps
10-yr US Treasury yield	5.11%	-2.40 bps
DXY	103.60	+0.05%

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